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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Dislocated Worker Program

Providing dislocated workers with the services needed to obtain employment that allows for self-sufficiency

What is WIA?

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers. The most important aspect of the Act is its focus on meeting the needs of businesses for skilled workers and the training, education, and employment needs of individuals. Key components of the Act will enable customers to:

- Easily access the information and services they need through the Illinois Employment and Training Center (IETC) network.
- Empower adults to obtain the training they find most appropriate through Individual Training Accounts, which allows adult customers to "purchase" the training they determine best for them;
- Ensure that all State and local programs meet customer expectations.

Who does WIA help?

WIA defines dislocated workers as individuals who:

- Have been laid off or terminated or have received notice of layoff or termination due to a plant closure or mass layoff;

- Are unemployed through no fault of their own, are eligible for or have exhausted their unemployment compensation and are unlikely to return to their previous occupation or industry;
- Were self-employed (including farmers and ranchers) and are unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in their community; or
- Are displaced homemakers.

How does WIA help?

CORE SERVICES

(with no eligibility requirements)

- Eligibility Determination
- Intake/Orientation
- Initial Assessment
- Job Search and Placement Assistance
- Employment Statistics Information
- Training Provider Performance/Cost Information
- One-Stop Performance Information
- Information About Supportive Services
- U.I Claims Filing Information
- Assistance Applying for Welfare-to-Work
- Assistance Applying for Financial Aid
- Follow-Up Services

INTENSIVE SERVICES

(for unemployed individuals who have been unable to obtain jobs through core services, and/or those who are employed but need additional services to reach self-sufficiency)

- Comprehensive Assessments
- Development of Individual Employment Plans

- Group and Individual Counseling
- Career Planning & Case Management
- Short-Term Pre-Vocational Services
- Out-of-Area Job Search Assistance
- Literacy Activities Related to Basic Workforce Readiness
- Relocation Assistance
- Internships
- Work Experience

TRAINING SERVICES

(available for those who met intensive services eligibility but were unable to find employment through those services)

- Occupational Skills Training
- On-the-Job Training
- Cooperative Education Programs
- Private Sector Training Programs
- Skill Upgrading and Retraining
- Entrepreneurial Training
- Job Readiness Training
- Adult Education and Literacy Activities
- Employer Customized Training

Businesses also benefit from WIA

- On-site Dislocated Worker Program Assistance to Employees
- Emergency Assistance Adapted to Particular Closing or Layoff
- On-The-Job Training Reimbursement
- Coordination with Labor Management Officials

THE IETC NETWORK

For an IETC
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